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I am writing to provide comments to the FCC on the E-Rate NPRM, proceeding 13-184. E-Rate has been very important to Preston High School, Bronx NY, because it has helped our teachers and students to have the facility to expand our communication with each other outside the classroom in a safe and productive environment. We are an all-girls school with the desire to send all our students to college with the 21st century skills they will need. Preston High School students now can use edmodo.com and ALEKS to practice math, and turnitin.com to help them become more careful and practiced writers and peer editors. The teachers have the ability to bring a class to the computer lab to demonstrate and do some practice and then the students can work on their own at school. We are able to offer our students the opportunity to learn state of the art graphic design techniques and programming classes. The money we receive from erate frees up funds for the school to provide more laptops, computer work stations, interactive white boards and teacher training. The students are the ones who benefit greatly from these tools in the classroom and after school. Our school would suffer greatly if the total erate funding does not increase; we would not be able to keep the technology in our school functioning at the same level should our erate funds decrease. Please consider raising the funding level up to at least the requested level of \$5 billion per year.